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TWENTY-ONE INDICTED IN OPERATION LAST STRIKE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge William Smith announced this afternoon the indictment and arrests of nineteen Odessa, Texas, area residents on federal drug charges. The indictment is the result of a joint twenty-four-month Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation. Arrests were carried out this morning in Odessa, Midland, Lubbock, Dallas, Ft. Worth and Snyder, Texas.

"St. Patrick's Day 2005 was not a lucky day for Mr. Crook and his associates. Today's arrests are the first nails in the coffin of this large-scale crack cocaine ring," **stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.**

Those arrested include:

Adrian Crook, aka Big Boo, Boo
Elias Carrillo aka Lie, aka Old boy
Jose Larez Padilla, Jr. aka Juni
Caishan Brooks, aka New York, Jiggles, Giggles
Ricardo Armendariz, aka Ricky, Little Ricky,
Trainer, Mexican
Joseph L. Green
Philonicus Fobbs, aka Philly
Tammy Bradley
Fatima Green
Aaron Loika

Gregory Palmer, aka Greg
Angelina Luna
Rene Rubio
Raymond Duarte, aka Raymond DeLaCruz,
Ray Ray
Israel T. Hernandez
Latisha Cummings
D'Marria Monday
Clyde Young, aka Sky
Donald Eugene Jeffery

All twenty-one defendants were charged with Conspiracy to Manufacture, Distribute, and Possess with Intent to Distribute in Excess of 50 Grams of a Mixture or Substance Containing Cocaine Base, to wit, crack cocaine.

According to the indictment, beginning in April 1996, Adrian Crook arrived at the federal prison in Big Spring, Texas, to serve a sentence for drug trafficking. While there he met other inmates including Carrillo, Padilla, and Caishan who were also serving sentences for drug trafficking. The indictment

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alleges that while in prison Crook became familiar with their drug trafficking capabilities and made plans to utilize them to re-establish himself as major drug dealer when he was released from prison.

The indictment further alleges that beginning in April 1996 and continuing through this year, Crook and his codefendants participated in numerous meetings and transactions concerning the manufacture and distribution of crack cocaine and then beginning in November 2003, the defendants began distributing the crack cocaine.

“As the local representative of the Drug Enforcement Administration, I would like to take this opportunity to personally express my gratitude to all the agencies that participated so admirably in his investigation. This investigation was a model of cooperation and demonstrates the extremely high degree of effectiveness that can be achieved when federal, state and local law enforcement agencies combine their talents and resources to combat drug trafficking,” **stated DEA Resident Agent in Charge William Smith.**

Defendants Adrian Crook and Jose Padilla face a minimum 20 years in federal prison with the remaining defendants facing a 10 year mandatory minimum.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Texas Department of Public Safety, Ector County Sheriff's Office, Midland County Sheriff's Office, City of Midland Police Department, City of Monahans Police Department, City of Odessa Police Department, San Angelo Task Force and the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Glenn Roque-Jackson.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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